

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Complex at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Phase 1

Recipient: Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, 1510 Wright Brothers Ave., Seymour Johnson AFB, NC 27531

Account: Military Construction, Air Force Amount: \$6,900,000

Explanation: The existing Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Complex and Ground to Air Transmitter/Receiver (GATR) at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base are inadequately configured for today's mission and high-tech equipment. Replacing these facilities would improve Air Force operations and safety and save money by sharply reducing the cost of maintaining the existing outdated infrastructure.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H. R. 2996, The Department of Interior Appropriations Act for FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: McDonald County for Wastewater Infrastructure—Public Water Supply District #1 of McDonald County

Authorized Amount: \$244,000

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McDonald County, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 345, Pineville, MO 64856

Description of Request: This funding will be used by Public Water Supply District (PWSD) #1 toward the second phase of a wastewater expansion project to augment recently constructed infrastructure financed from PWSD funds. The proposed project will supply the Village of Jane with needed sewer service. The Village of Jane is a small but rapidly growing community in south-central McDonald County on the bank of Little Sugar Creek, a 303d impaired waterway.

The use of taxpayer funds is justified because in addition to the benefits of improved water quality within the Little Sugar Creek watershed and encouraging additional commercial and residential development in the area, the proposed project will also provide needed wastewater service to properties recently purchased by the McDonald County R-1 School District and Crowder College to house a second high school campus and a community college campus respectively.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF KATHY MELSTON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant who has dedicated her life to promoting reading and library use, Ms. Kathy Melston, who recently retired as Library Director of the Rockwall County Library in my hometown.

Early on, Kathy recognized the emerging need for adult literacy. As a result, the award-winning Reading for Adults program was established in 2000. This program has grown from two students and five tutors to 68 volunteer tutors and 300 students, of which many have earned GEDs and their citizenship through this process. The innovative "Rock and Read" fundraiser supporting the program won the literacy award from the Texas State Reading Association.

Kathy is accredited by many for promoting bond propositions to purchase land and construct a new state-of-the-art library in Rockwall. County Commissioner Lorie Grinnan maintains that with Kathy's intelligence, extensive knowledge base and dedication, she has been able to steer Rockwall County through a time of tremendous growth and change. Kathy's belief that the main purpose of a library is to serve its community has been the foundation of the loyalty and dedication of her staff, volunteers and the Friends of the Library.

During her 20 years as Library Director, Kathy has provided vision, enthusiasm, and results in Rockwall County. She was named the Rockwall Soroptimist Professional Woman of the Year, served on several RISD committees, and was President and Secretary of the Public Library Administrators of North America. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at her church.

Kathy's recent retirement is bittersweet for those who know, love and respect her. They are happy for this new phase of her life which will be filled with travel, home projects, volunteering and a chance to read all of the books for which she will finally have the time. But, at the same time, they feel some distress at the loss of personal connections established between Kathy and the library patrons.

In September, at the grand opening of the new library, many noticed a large corner spot with a beautiful view, filled with flowers and cards with a brass plaque on the door identifying the Kathleen Melston Quiet Reading Room. This tribute from staff, friends and volunteers recognizes Kathy's enormous impact on the community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to join the Rockwall County Library, Friends of the Library, and Rockwall citizens in congratulating Ms. Kathy Melston on her retirement. I can't think of a better testament to public service than educating tomorrow's leaders, and Ms. Melston is to be commended for her commitment to the advancement of reading literacy. Please join me in honoring her on this prestigious occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on July 9, 2009, I was unavoidably unable to cast my vote for rollcall 512. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3082, Military Construction—Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for FY 2010

Account: Military Construction, Army Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Address of Receiving Entity: Anniston Army Depot, 7 Frankford Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201

Description of Request: Provide \$3,300,000 in funding for the Industrial Area Electrical System Upgrade. This funding will be used to construct electrical system upgrades to the area south of Third Avenue in the industrial area. Construction will include new power poles, cross arms, insulators, cutouts, re closers, anchor systems, wire, transformers, underground duct and circuit breakers for a couplet 12470 volt electrical service system in the area south of Third Avenue in the industrial area. This construction will provide upgraded

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overhead lines and underground service from the power poles to pad mounted transformers that supply each building. Construct the secondary for a 10.5 MVA 44.000/12/470 volt substation. The substation secondary will consist of vacuum breakers, voltage regulator, bypass switches and the structural steel. Anti-terrorism/force protection measures will include observance of vehicle access sitting distances, landscaping berms, exterior lighting, laminated glass, and walkway bollards.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I place in the RECORD a listing of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3082, the FY2010 House Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Bill.

Project Name: Civil Engineer Maintenance Complex at Mountain Home Air Force Base
Amount Received: \$690,000

Account: Air Force Military Construction Account

Recipient: 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, 83648

Description: The civil engineer functions are currently dispersed among 10 WWII-era wood-frame and Korean War-era facilities. Wood frame facilities have a RAC 2 due to failing roof structures and cracked and spreading concrete foundations that have contributed to failing floors and trusses, presenting risk to squadron members who work in the facilities. Currently, employees must evacuate during heavy snowfall or high winds. The fire safety deficiencies are endemic to all buildings, the patchwork electric wiring is maxed out, which increases fire risk, and the HVAC systems can't keep buildings heated and cooled. The dispersed locations and failing conditions of existing facilities adversely affects all daily Civil Engineering operations and negatively impacts the Wing's mission. This funding will be used for planning and design.

Project Name: Logistics Readiness Center
Amount Received: \$20,000,000

Account: Air Force Military Construction Account

Recipient: 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, 83648

Description: The existing Logistics Supply is a condemned 53-year-old wooden structure beyond economical repair. The roof is held up with temporary structural supports. The building is evacuated and now 60% of base supply functions operate from temporary spaces across base, creating significant delays in troop/equipment mobilization. This negatively impacts the Wing's ability to demolish and relocate from other substandard facilities on base. When funded, the Logistics Readiness

Center will provide command and control for all materials in-bound and outbound, including freight processing, packing, crating, pallet buildup shop, and provide bulk and bin storage. The facility will also support secure storage, an armory, and have administrative areas.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANCES C. WILSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this time to honor a dedicated military educator, Lieutenant General Frances C. Wilson, who will be retiring as the President of the National Defense University, after having served this nation for 37 years in the United States Marine Corps.

Culminating with her appointment as President of the National Defense University in 2006, General Wilson has, throughout her career, focused on professional education while working tirelessly to create an educated and well-trained class of American warriors. She has completed seven advanced training courses, including Harvard's Senior Executive Course in National Security, and earned four Master degrees along with a Doctorate in Education. Through these impressive academic undertakings, General Wilson acquired the knowledge and skills needed to prepare America's future officers for the complex contemporary world.

Most impressively, General Wilson has relentlessly used her extensive education to increase the capabilities of our Armed Forces. She commanded the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island, directed the Manpower Management Division at Marine Corps Headquarters, and managed the military's Reserve forces while a member of the Reserve Force Policy Board. Through her leadership in these posts, General Wilson greatly advanced the professional development of the marines under her command and helped to mold a vibrant military education system.

As President of the National Defense University, General Wilson understood the critical need for National Security Professionals within the Executive Branch. She spearheaded the development of the National Security Education Consortium and, recognizing the importance of international cooperation, established educational partnerships with 79 nations, especially our NATO allies. Additionally, she added three Masters degrees to the University's curriculum while managing NDU's reaccreditation process. As a strong proponent of military education myself, I could not be more pleased with General Wilson's efforts or the many accolades she has received over her long career.

General Wilson's leadership has strengthened both the Marine Corps and the professional military education system. As a staunch believer in continuous education for profes-

sional soldiers, I am proud of her commitment to lifelong study and the development of America's warriors. I trust that Members of the House will join me in congratulating General Wilson for her contributions to the United States of America.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks in H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act. H.R. 3082 contains \$8,700,000 for TFI—Upgrade DCGS Facilities (PRQE089032) in the Air Force, Military Construction account. This project is for Air National Guard at McConnell Air Force Base located 57837 Coffeyville St., Kansas, 67221.

The funds will build an adequately sized and properly configured facility for personnel, equipment, and materials, for near-real time intelligence mission conducting the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of U-2, MQ-1 Predator, and RQ-4 Global Hawk sensor data around the world in support of warfighters by the growing 161st Intelligence Squadron of the new 184th Intelligence Group. Security features, high-capacity environmental control equipment, high-capacity secure fiber optics, and redundant power supplies are all prerequisites to accommodate the sophisticated Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operation Center. No matching funds are required for this military construction project.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MOODY NEWELL SIEBMAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and accomplishments of a man who dedicated his life to showing generosity towards others, Moody Newell Siebman of Pottsboro, Texas, who passed away last year.

Mr. Siebman was born March 27, 1932 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to school teachers Moody Nugent Siebman and Rudy Steedman Siebman. He married Carol Sue Gillum on March 8, 1958 in Collinsville, Texas and they had two children, my good friend and outstanding citizen Clyde Siebman, their daughter Annette Skupin, and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Siebman and Katie, Becca and Sam Skupin. Mr. Siebman was proud to be a fifth generation resident of Grayson County whose great-grandfather, S.D. Steedman was a Grayson County Judge in the 1800s.

Much of Mr. Siebman's professional life was dedicated to the transportation industry, where he worked in all aspects of the industry from long-haul truck driver to owner and manager of multi-truck fleets. He also worked as a traffic manager for twelve years and in 1998 as

a senior driver for the United States Brass Corporation.

After retirement, Mr. Siebman spent his remaining years devoted to his family, hunting and fishing. He was a tireless worker for conservative candidates in local political campaigns. He was known for his generosity and for being a loyal friend and neighbor.

The family and friends of Moody Newell Siebman will long remember his devotion to his family and to his community, and the legacy of this fifth-generation Texan will continue in the lives of his children and grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE U.S. GENERAL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S
60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce a resolution honoring the Government Services Administration (GSA) for their sixty years of hard work and dedication to federal employees. On June 30, 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed legislation to create GSA and streamline the administrative work of the federal government. The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 took effect almost 60 years ago today, on July 1, 1949.

GSA consolidated the National Archives Establishment, the Federal Works Agency and its Public Buildings Administration, the Bureau of Federal Supply, the Office of Contract Settlement and the War Assets Administration. GSA was tasked with administering supplies and providing workplaces for federal employees.

GSA's original mission was to dispose of war surplus goods, manage and store government records, handle emergency preparedness, and stockpile strategic supplies for wartime. GSA also regulated the sale of office supplies to federal agencies.

Today, through the Public Buildings Service, Federal Acquisition Service, various staff offices and 11 regional offices nationwide, GSA provides workspace to more than 1 million federal civilian workers. It oversees the preservation of more than 408 historic buildings. It facilitates the purchase of high-quality, low-cost goods and services from quality commercial vendors.

GSA has a history of providing environmentally sound or sustainable products and services that reduce waste and pollution, and providing federal employees with healthy work environments. GSA's efforts to design, build and manage federal properties in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner helps reduce energy consumption by the federal government.

Today, GSA touches the lives of nearly every U.S. citizen by providing goods, services, and workplaces at best value to its federal agency clients. The GSA has worked to ensure that the federal government leads by example—promoting fiscal fitness and environmental responsibility throughout the federal government.

As we mark its 60th anniversary, the GSA is playing a critical role in revitalizing our economy. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included \$5.5 billion for GSA

building projects and \$300 million for energy efficient motor vehicles. Just as importantly, GSA is assisting other federal agencies in meeting their goals under the legislation, and has used its technical expertise to support Recovery.gov as part of the government's commitment to openness and transparency.

As GSA enters its seventh decade of service, it does so with a new slogan: "A Legacy of Service, a Pursuit of Excellence," that articulates the agency's storied history and continued excellence on behalf of its customers and American citizens.

I am proud to offer this resolution honoring the men and women who work to keep our government running.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Chair, on rollcall No. 498, on agreeing to the DeLauro of Connecticut Amendment to H.R. 2997, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$1.805 million to complete construction of the Phase IV Aviation Operation Facility—London Joint Readiness Center located in Laurel County, Kentucky. The funding will be used for the construction of two additional (11,400 SF) unheated aircraft storage buildings at the facility. The project is required to fully house the Joint Support Operations equipment and personnel in one facility located in the vicinity of operations. At the conclusion of this project, the unit will be able to respond quicker and in a much more efficient manner which will allow a greater return on investment funds spent on the operation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
WISE "JAY" ADKISSON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a dedicated

serviceman, excellent businessman, and community activist, Mr. John Wise "Jay" Adkisson of Greenville, Texas.

Born on October 5, 1920, to John Wise Adkisson Sr. and Lenna McCandless Adkisson in Greenville, Texas, Jay graduated from Greenville High School in 1938 and from Texas A&M University in 1942, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in landscaping architecture. He was also a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Shortly thereafter, he attended the U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School at Columbia University in New York, NY and upon graduation, was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy. For the remainder of WWII, he served in the South Pacific as commanding officer of a Landing Ship Medium (LSM) and was honorably discharged having obtained the rank of full lieutenant.

In 1946, Jay returned to Greenville to join in the operations of the family business, Wise Adkisson & Sons Florist, Greenhouse, and Nursery. In 1996, Jay was elected as President of the Texas State Florists Association (TSFA) and in 1978 he received the TSFA Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his numerous contributions to the floral industry.

In addition to his work in the floral business, Jay was a dedicated public servant. He was elected for two terms as Greenville City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem in the 1960s, served as Chairman of the Administrative Board for Kavanaugh United Methodist Church, member of the Greenville Lions Club, and Director of the Greenville Lake Club. He was also involved in the adult leadership of Boy Scouts of America and the Hunt County Aggie Club.

Jay is survived by his wife of 61 years, and business partner Nita Lee "Tubby", son Richard Wise Adkisson and wife Jan, son John Jay Adkisson and three grandchildren, Benjamin, Rebecca and Rob Adkisson, sister Mary Ward, brother Dr. Mike Adkisson and wife Beverly, great-granddaughter Bailey, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to have known such a wonderful citizen of Greenville, Texas, who leaves a legacy of service that will be long remembered.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
BIRTHDAY OF JAMES R.
PAULSON, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in celebrating the 90th birthday of James R. Paulson, a veteran of World War II, a philanthropist and a leader in business.

As a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, James R. Paulson was the skipper of a Sub Chaser "SC671", conducting mine-sweeping operations in Alaska's treacherous seas along the Aleutian Islands from the North Pacific to Japan during WWII.

Jim met his beautiful wife Marijane Lewis in 1938 and they were married four years later, just days before he deployed to the North Pacific. Together they raised four wonderful children.

He received his undergraduate degree from University of Puget Sound, in WA. His career

as a Certified Public Accountant brought him much acclaim and he sat on the Board of Regents for 25 years at University of Puget Sound.

He was one of the founders of the Tacoma Foundation and was a major supporter of it.

He was a consultant and service provider with the Weyerhaeuser family, and headed a group of companies he brought together under the holding company name "Comerco." These companies included Alaska Fish Fertilizer, Olympic Stain, Dawson Insurance and 23 other companies. They merged with the Clorox Company and at that time Big Jim, as he is known by his friends, served on the board of directors of Clorox.

Not one to stand on the sidelines, Jim has been a lifelong public activist, working to protect the American way of life and the sacrifices that he and so many Americans have made to protect our freedom.

Jim stands as a testament to the American spirit. Born of immigrant parents from Norway, he made his own way in the world, and made significant contributions to his family and his country. From nothing, he built a corporate network providing high quality careers for thousands of employees and providing valuable services and products to the nation and the world.

We are fortunate to have James R. Paulson as a friend and fellow American.

CONGRATULATING NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2009. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony will take place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the Hammond Public Library and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, will be held at Harrison Park in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the globe to the United States in search of better lives for themselves and their families. The upcoming oath ceremony will be a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize the great things America has to offer. They realize that there is nowhere else in the world that offers a better opportunity for success and a good life than here in America.

On July 4, 2009, the following individuals, representing many countries throughout the world, will take their oath of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Daniele Giuseppe Manfre, Ugochi Genevieve Okoro, Ilidoro Natanael Nevarez Rivas, Ravindranath Chigurupati, Leela Rani Chigurupati, Tran Quynh Nguyen, Miroslav Tepavac, Du Lin, Rosalia Navarrete, Igor Dmitriy Harris, Lubov Mullens, Rogelio Hernandez Plata, Erika Blackburn, Dhanwant

Singh Sidhu, Konstantina Andreas Prokopos, Oluwabusola Anuluwapo Binutu, Jori Beniaminovitch Tsvik, Nelia Prokophievna Repkina, Abdulla Hussein Abdelqader, Ikram Sharawi, Juan Montoya Garcia, Jesus Loe Baeza, Humaira Sameer Minhas, Maribel Orozco De Loe, Marilyn Vincoy Morana, Anatoly Fedorovich Kolesnichenko, Inna Veniaminovna Borysova, Vesna Balac, Ruchira Shukla, Jacklyn Luong, Joanna Jadwiga Pierce, Rolee Khurana, Nikoleta Maginas, Yousef Shurri Qarbit Al Armani, Said Yousef Musleh, Mohammed Ben Wanes, Juan Jose Lopez Moreno, Milena Losic, Alma Laura Nunez, Ramadan Amzai, Jose Antonio Garcia Guzman, Dao Chieu Anh Hui, Yasmeen Mohammad Yaseen ShreeiQun, Kamila Hendzel, Natalia Pelc, Truc Phuong Thi Lai, Katarzyna Jowita Przybyla-Kelly, Tanja Ognenovska, Suwit John Sangkaratana, Chirag Patel.

Though each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals, who will become citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2009, the day of our Nation's independence. They, too, will be American citizens, and they, too, will be guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic society, congratulate them and welcome them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the House-passed version of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: March Air Reserve Base, Riverside, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: March Air Reserve Base, 610 Meyer Drive, Riverside, California 92518-2166

Description of Request: I have secured \$9,800,000 for the Small Arms Firing Range, March Air Reserve Base. It is my understanding that the funds will be used to construct an adequately sized and configured

small arms firing range which is required for training and maintaining the standard of current Air Force preparedness. The project also includes office space, classrooms, and equipment with fire protection and security alarm, lightning protection and explosion proof electrical which would bring the facility up to current force protection standards. The existing firing range was built in 1942 and is sub standard as a training facility. It is located approximately 5 miles away from March ARB and creates security, safety, and health and maintenance problems. Without funding the current facility will deteriorate further and will not be able to meet the training and readiness requirements of the base. Security, health and safety will be a concern and may cause the existing firing range to shut down. The range closure will seriously impact the small arm training, Force Protection and Personnel Combat Arms requirement for Reserve and National Guard units.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT CLAUDE FRISBIE, AFTER 35 YEARS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant from Chester County, Pennsylvania has retired after a 35-year career with the West Whiteland Township Police Department.

Lieutenant Claude A. "Friz" Frisbie was among the first police officers hired when West Whiteland established its department in 1974. After courageously serving his country during two tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division, Lieutenant Frisbie was eager to play a leading role in the newly-formed West Whiteland department.

He supervised the Patrol Division and directed operations, coordinated training, and provided scheduling for four patrol teams. One of Lieutenant Frisbie's first initiatives was creating a Traffic Unit to address the substantial traffic issues in the Township and to better serve its citizens.

Lieutenant Frisbie's valor and professionalism in the line of duty have earned him several Commendations of Merit, Heroism and Bravery. He also has earned the respect of his peers and served as mentor and source of inspiration to younger officers.

Lieutenant Frisbie's remarkable career and accomplishments will be celebrated on Friday, July 17, 2009 during a dinner at the Downingtown Country Club.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in praising the outstanding service of Lieutenant Claude A. Frisbie, and all those who take an oath to serve and protect their communities.

RECOGNIZING THE SUNSET BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire

Company No. 1, Inc. for its outstanding service to the Western New York Community. On July 18th, 2009 the Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 will be celebrating its 60th anniversary.

Located in the town of Hanover in Chautauqua County, the Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 was formed in 1949 and incorporated in 1950. Since then, this 100% volunteer fire company has grown to have 35 active volunteer fire members. They are led by Fire Chief Robert "Rob" Weiskerger and President Jack Fecio who have a long history of serving with Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire Company. Each year, the volunteers dedicate endless hours to promoting and protecting the safety of their friends and neighbors. I commend these firefighters for their selfless service and overwhelming commitment to the Town of Hanover and the Sunset Bay area in particular.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the members, past and present, of the Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Inc. The dedication of these community volunteers has ensured that the Town of Hanover will remain a safe and robust community. These brave men and women have ensured the objective of their fire company, "The protection of life and property from fire and the promotion of social intercourse among its members."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee

Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA, 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$5,000,000 to fund a roundabout at Adams Avenue at the entrance to Fort Lee to alleviate traffic congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety.

COMMEMORATING THE 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SREBRENICA MASSACRE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the events that took place 14 years ago in Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina

July 11, 2009 marks the 14th anniversary of the Srebrenica Massacre in the eastern region of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The acts of violence that took place resulted in the deaths of

several thousand Bosniaks and the displacement of even more Bosniak families from their homes. It is particularly startling to know that roughly five hundred of the victims were under the age of 18 years old, and several dozen were women and children. This tragic event is regarded as one of the worst cases of ethnic cleansing in the past fifty years, and today, I continue to offer my deepest condolences to the victims of these crimes and to those victims' families.

I remain hopeful, however, that Bosniaks and the various ethnic communities within Bosnia and Herzegovina are on a path to recovery and reconciliation. Over the past fourteen years, Bosniaks have dedicated themselves to rehabilitation, slowly readapting and assimilating into their new lives. Great strides have been made to ensure that a lasting peace endures in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and I believe that through continued work and determination, this will be achieved.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today to remember the victims of this terrible massacre and to resolve anew to work towards a stable and permanent peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROOKS CATSUP BOTTLE IN COLLINSVILLE, IL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 60th anniversary of the landmark Brooks Catsup Bottle in Collinsville, IL—widely regarded as "The World's Largest Catsup Bottle."

According to the landmark's official website, catsupbottle.com, The World's Largest Catsup Bottle® stands proudly next to Illinois Route 159, just south of downtown Collinsville. This unique 170-foot-tall water tower was built in 1949 by W.E. Caldwell Company for the G.S. Suppiger catsup bottling plant, bottlers of Brooks Old Original Rich & Tangy catsup.

In 1995, due to the efforts of the Catsup Bottle Preservation Group, this famous roadside attraction was saved from demolition and beautifully restored to its original appearance.

Recognized the world over as an excellent example of 20th century roadside Americana, the World's Largest Catsup Bottle garners national attention and attracts visitors and tourists every day.

In August of 2002, "The World's Largest Catsup Bottle" was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

I would like to commend those who maintain this historic landmark and wish them continued success.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, my priorities, as I represent Delaware in the U.S. House of

Representatives today, begin with the economic opportunities and security for all who live here. We are facing serious challenges in both areas. With state budget shortfalls, rising unemployment and stagnant growth in many of the industries on which we typically rely—new ideas and bold strategies for the future are required. Simultaneously, our Nation's military is spread thin across the world in an effort to confront those who seek to do us harm. One major threat to our security and theirs is the current reliance we have on foreign energy sources.

Nations around the world are surging ahead with emission reductions and developing new energy technologies. The United States should be on equal footing, if not leading this effort to remain competitive.

The recent vote in the U.S. House on the American Clean Energy and Security Act was on whether to pursue these new strategies, or hold on to the status quo. I supported the legislation because it is my belief that we cannot turn away from the opportunity to create new jobs and reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy. With offshore wind, fuel cells, and solar energy initiatives, Delaware is poised to lead such innovation and create new jobs in these important areas while protecting the tourism industry and our very own coastline. We must live in the present but look to the future, and focus on strengthening the economy by driving advancements in industry and new business growth in Delaware. Such a market-driven solution, according to the Center for American Progress, is estimated to bring a net increase of about \$460 million in investment revenue and 6,000 jobs to our state.

The real struggle I faced in whether to support this legislation is the cost of implementing new energy policies and addressing greenhouse gas pollution. I worry about the estimates that utility costs for all of us may increase, but I also agonize about the cost of doing nothing. One estimate, done by M.J. Bradley & Associates, using the Energy Information Agency, and EPA analysis, reflects that the average monthly bill in Delaware would increase by \$3.00. To prevent increases in energy costs, a portion of the allowances will flow directly back to low- and moderate-income families through tax credits, direct payments, and electronic benefit payments.

Clearly, any rate hike is going to hurt and I continue to work to ensure that we have measures in place to mitigate the impact on all income levels. Several colleagues and I worked to include an amendment to expand the financial tax credit relief for middle-income families, but such an amendment was blocked from consideration. I plan to pursue this change in negotiations with the Senate. I also believe that so many new energy efficiency measures will simultaneously reduce our energy usage and lower the cost of our utility bills. Under this legislation, revenues will be reinvested from the market back to consumers, energy research and development, and job-creation measures.

The legislation establishes a system where greenhouse gas emissions are limited, and where emissions allowances are auctioned by the EPA and bought or sold among polluters.

Delaware is already participating in a regional cap-and-trade program called the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). This bill will return revenue to all states, and in fact,

will bring more to the state than RGGI, in order to promote the same types of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

The legislation also requires that 20 percent of energy produced by electric utilities come from renewable resources and energy savings by 2020, still below Delaware's own standard. A robust renewable electricity standard is the most important policy tool we have to make sure new energy projects utilize American-made components manufactured by American workers, and I believe we should strive to strengthen the national standard.

The coal resource of the U.S. is abundant and the bill creates new programs designed to promote carbon capture and sequestration, and sets new emissions standards for coal-fired power plants. This bill also supports modernizing of electricity infrastructure, including smart grid technologies. And, to aid the U.S. auto manufacturers, the bill aims to assist in the development of improved battery technology and plug-in electric vehicles.

Major technological advancements and tax incentives are already positively influencing the advancement of the wind, solar, fuel cell, and biomass industries right here in Delaware. Green jobs, which could be those involved with electricity generated by wind, those that produce energy-efficient goods and services like mass transit, or those that install energy-conserving products like retrofitting buildings with thermal-pane windows, fuel cells, and solar—are key to the success of a new energy economy. Much work has been done voluntarily over the last several years to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and I was glad to see that the bill takes steps to recognize these early, voluntary actions by industry leaders.

In speaking with Governor Marken, we agree that this legislation will strengthen our domestic economy through innovative and sustainable job creation. I have also heard from leading Delaware businesses who believe in the opportunity of transforming to a clean energy economy. Ion Power said: this bill "will make a real difference for America, and my business." Eclipse Solar has said: "... we also know that clean energy is a great way to make money; supporting solar energy and other renewables will boost our economy and help create more jobs." Delaware Technical and Community College offered: "... the College is developing an Applied Energy Education Center that will connect Delawareans to new "green" jobs by developing Delaware's green workforce and enabling citizens and businesses to reduce their energy costs through increased energy efficiency, conservation, integration, and management." Bluewater Wind wrote: "By taking bold, concrete steps to address climate change and creating a new national Renewable Electricity Standard (RES), passage of the Waxman-Markey bill will spur hundreds of thousands of new jobs in America's growing renewable energy industry."

The agriculture sector plays a vital role in Delaware's economy. I was pleased to support U.S. House Agriculture Chairman PETERSON's work to ensure that the interests of the agriculture community were represented in the legislation, including that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be in charge of working with farmers on the portion of the offset program that involves generating offset credits from U.S. farms and forests.

Complex and detailed proposals must always be weighed thoughtfully and carefully.

Ultimately, challenging economic times demand that we look to the future, not cling to the past. Leading experts differ on the economic impact that this legislation will have on each of us and I will remain closely engaged in efforts to reduce any cost increase passed through utility bills. This may not be a silver bullet for turning our economy around overnight. However, I am confident that we must drive innovation, research and market-based strategies to strengthen our immediate economic outlook and instill optimism for tomorrow.

CONGRATULATING THE LADY
FIGHTING IRISH OF HACKETT
CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Fighting Irish of Hackett Catholic Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan on being named the 2009 Division 4 State Soccer Champions. This team of young ladies, lead by Coach Tim Halloran and assisted by Coaches Erin Moore, Alyssa Chludzinski and Trainer Cailee Servais, has put in endless hours of hard work and dedication to bring home the their third state championship trophy since 2002.

Winning a state championship is a memory that will last a lifetime. It is a remarkable achievement that few teams ever experience, and it is a legacy that will live with the 2009 Lady Fighting Irish forever. This young team, lead by captains Maddie Brennan, Julie Ross and Stephanie Johnson, played a close game against the Madison Heights Bishop Foley Ventures and came out victorious beating the Ventures 1-0.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the entire Lady Fighting Irish team: Rebecca Farrer, Kalani Bates, Sara Howard, Maria Escamillia, Megan Putnam, Johanna Hamilton, Stephanie Walley, Christina Pinon, Aleks Svikis, Maddie Brennan, Ana Villalobos, Emma Forster, Neil Locke, Claire Sorek, Stephanie Johnson, Casey Lamp, Erin May, Mallory Busso, Maggie Wenzel, Ashleigh Reisterer and Julie Ross. We are so proud of all of you.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Lady Fighting Irish, Coach Halloran and the entire greater Kalamazoo community—you are an inspiration to us all. It is Hackett Catholic Central pride at its finest. Go Fighting Irish!

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, MR.
ALBERT MCCALL, SR.

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 80th birthday of one of Tennessee's finest citizens, Mr. Albert McCall, Sr., of Carthage, Tennessee.

Born and raised in Smith County, Tennessee, Mr. McCall earned two degrees—a

bachelor's at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and a master's at the University of Missouri—before serving as an Army Artillery Officer and in the dangerous position of a forward observer during the Korean war.

After returning home from the war, he married Miss Virginia Olive Doran in 1955 and began working in the family business, DT McCall and Sons, founded by his father and still a vital business and significant employer in Tennessee some 100 years later.

Mr. McCall has two fine children, Albert McCall II and Menda Elizabeth McCall Holmes, and four grandchildren: Alex, Kate, Monica and Derek. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Carthage and has been active in civic affairs for many years across Tennessee. His leadership has been crucial to the success of our State, and I am humbly grateful to him for the many years of hard work and sacrifice he has provided.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Albert on a life well-lived and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his past, present, and future accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Illinois: Lincoln Capital Airport Relocate Base Entrance.

Bill Number: H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport (ANG), Illinois Capital Airport, Springfield, IL 62704.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to relocate the base entrance to include realignment of existing four lane airport entrance, two lane base entry road and reconfigure intersection with state highway to ensure the facility meets DoD security requirements.

HONORING MR. THOMAS
TRADEWELL

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge one of my constituents, Mr. Thomas Tradewell, who is slated to become the newly elected National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Mr. Tradewell will soon begin working in this prestigious position of leadership. His honorable service to our country, along with his numerous awards recognizing his service exemplifies his outstanding commitment to ensuring America's freedom. I join many other Americans in expressing my deep appreciation for

his efforts to assist and lead our nation's veterans.

I am proud that Mr. Tradewell is a citizen of Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District and I wish him well in his new position as National Commander. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Tradewell for his notable career achievements, his exemplary leadership, and his dedication to our country.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the students from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy on their honorable mention in the 2009 "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" program held in Washington, DC.

I would like to give a special mention to the students who participated in the competition: Michelle Azzi, Daniela Chediak, Kina de Cordoba, Brianna Donnet, Tiffany Fan, Bertila Fernandez Gabrielle Fernandez, Miranda Garcia, Victoria Garcia, Maria Gonzalez, Rebecca Hubert, Kristina Jacomino, Julia Longoria, Isabelle Martinez, Victoria Moreno, Katerina Ona, Elizabeth Rasco, Natalie San Juan, and Kelly Scott.

I would also like to congratulate their teacher Rosie Heffernan for her tireless efforts on behalf of the students. Her students' success is a testament to her selfless dedication.

I pray for the utmost success on all of the future endeavors of these excellent young women and expect to hear more great accomplishments from every one of them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, the House voted on final passage of H.R. 2965, the "Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009," rollcall No. 486.

My vote was recorded as "no" but in keeping with my past votes on the Small Business Research and Innovation Act, my vote should have been a "yes." The Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program are critical to increasing small business research and project development capabilities, and I strongly support their continued funding.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES H. CARLAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Carlan, a

northwest Florida community leader and businessman who is retiring after over 40 years of professional engineering and consulting. Mr. Carlan spent his life serving others, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Born in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, Charles has been an integral part of the Northwest Florida community ever since. He graduated from Walton High School and went on to play baseball at Auburn University. After a brief stint in professional baseball with the Milwaukee Braves, Charles earned his Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Auburn in 1960. He began his career as a professional engineer, where he served in a variety of capacities over the years. His professional history includes working as City Engineer for the City of Pensacola, Maintenance Engineer of the Florida Department of Transportation, and Staff Director of the Florida Senate Transportation Committee. As President of CarlanKillam Consulting Group, Charles grew the firm to become one of the largest engineering firms in Northwest Florida. After being acquired by Hatch Mott MacDonald in 2001, Charles remained at his firm until his retirement.

Although widely known for his commercial ventures, Charles' business success pales in comparison to his outstanding service to the local community. He has served as Treasurer of the University of West Florida Foundation, President of the Pensacola Junior College Foundation, and Chairman of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church. Charles has actively promoted the engineering profession by working as President of the Florida Engineering Society and the Professional Surveyors of Florida. The Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers recognized this dedication to his field and awarded him with the Governor A.W. Gilchrist Award for Outstanding Service to the Engineering Profession and Community. In one of Charles' most remarkable service achievements, he has attained 20 years of perfect attendance at the Pensacola Five Flags Rotary Club.

The list of Mr. Carlan's accomplishments extends far beyond what is noted here, but they all highlight his devotion to improving the lives of those around him and to bettering his community through service.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Charles Carlan for his lifetime of service to Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Charles and his wife, Carol, as they embark on this latest journey in their lives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Request information: Representative JACK KINGSTON
H.R. 3082

Department of Defense, Army National Guard Account

Recipient information: Georgia Army National Guard, Hunter Army Aviation Facility, Savannah GA

Description: The Georgia Army National Guard received an earmark in the amount of \$8,967,000.

The current facility has exceeded its useful life with several irreparable leaks. The unit is devoting considerable time in overcoming these obstacles to meet its current requirements for training, planning and storage of weapons and information technology.

HONORING COLONEL DARRELL E. ADAMS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Colonel Darrell E. Adams, for 27 years of exceptional service and dedication to the United States Air Force. He will be retiring from active duty on September 30, 2009.

In his most recent assignment, he served as the Chief of the Strategy and Assessments Division, Secretary of the Air Force, Directorate of Public Affairs.

Colonel Adams grew up in McIntosh, Alabama. He entered the Air Force in 1982 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Alabama State University. Following undergraduate missile training, his operational assignments included duties as a Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile crew commander at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota and Ground Launched Cruise Missile crew commander at Florennes Air Base, Belgium, during the period of the Cold War.

Colonel Adams has served in a variety of staff and leadership positions both stateside and overseas. He has been a training officer, protocol officer, command and control officer at the wing and Headquarters level. Most notably, he was the on-duty Senior Controller at Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force when President George H.W. Bush directed the nuclear stand-down for B-52 bombers, tanker aircraft, and missiles in promoting peace and stability between the United States and the Soviet Union. He has been a squadron commander, deputy group commander; he has two assignments as a congressional liaison officer.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Adams served as the Chief of the Congressional Inquiries Division, Office of Legislative Liaison. He managed on behalf of the Department of the Air Force, all constituent inquiries from the White House, Office of the Vice President, Members of Congress and state and local governments. He also managed the Air Force Legislative Fellowship program where selected Air Force officers served as Congressional Fellows on Capitol Hill.

Over the past 4 years Colonel Adams escorted many Members of Congress on Congressional Delegations, in furtherance of their oversight responsibilities. He assisted me and Members of the U.S. House delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on multiple trips to Europe including Russia, Africa, and Afghanistan. The logistics of such trips are often complicated and require lengthy and detailed preparation. He always upheld the highest standards of professional conduct and his

thorough and efficient planning assured that these trips were a complete success. He will be missed.

I ask my Colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere thanks to Darrell, his wife Lisa, their daughter Regis, and their two sons Kalon and Jared, for their unwavering support of our country and the freedom we hold so dear. We congratulate Colonel Adams on the completion of an exemplary active-duty career and wish him well in the next phase of his life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project Name: Family Life Center

Account: Military Construction—Army

Project Recipient and Address: Fort Hood, TX U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Hood, Bldg. 1001, Rm W321, Fort Hood, TX, 75544

Amount Provided: \$8,500,000

Project Description: Construct a large standard design Chapel Family Life Center that includes an activity center with kitchen, gymnasium, religious education and military community classrooms, administrative space, gathering areas, information systems, fire protection and alarm systems, Intrusion Detection System (IDS) installation, and Energy Monitoring Control Systems (EMCS) connection, and Sustainable Design and Development (SDD) and Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct05) features. Supporting facilities include site development, utilities and connections, lighting, paving, parking, walks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage, information systems, landscaping and signage. Heating provided by self contained natural gas systems. Measures are in accordance with the Department of Defense (DoD) Minimum Antiterrorism for Buildings standards provided. Building and furnishings related interior design services are required. Access for individuals with disabilities will be provided.

Benefit to Taxpayers: This project is required to create a Religious and Family Readiness Campus on Fort Hood. This endeavor needs consolidated facilities to support religious ceremonies, on-site childcare, counseling services, adult and child religious education, family readiness groups, and memorial services. All other chapel facilities on Fort Hood lack proximity to housing and community support areas. Fort Hood's Chapels provides insufficient space for reception, counseling, and storage of materials.

Spending Plan:

PRIMARY FACILITY 7,549

Family Life Center SF 17,000 250.00 (4,250)

Family Life Center—Activity Center SF 10,000 250.00 (2,500)

Special Foundations LS—(324)

EMCS Connection LS—(25)

SDD and EPAct05 LS—(135)

Total from Continuation page(s) (315)

SUPPORTING FACILITIES 1,910

Electric Service LS—(450)
Water, Sewer, Gas LS—(350)
Paving, Walks, Curbs And Gutters LS—(250)

Storm Drainage LS—(100)

Site Imp(600) Demo() LS—(600)

Information Systems LS—(112)

Antiterrorism Measures LS—(48)

ESTIMATED CONTRACT COST 9,459

CONTINGENCY PERCENT (5.00%) 473

SUBTOTAL 9,932

SUPERVISION, INSPECTION & OVER-HEAD (5.70%) 566

DESIGN/BUILD—DESIGN COST (4.0000%) 397

TOTAL REQUEST 10,895

TOTAL REQUEST (ROUNDED) 10,800

Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Range Revegetation for Fort Hood, Texas

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations

Project Recipient and Address: Texas AgriLife Research & Extension, Texas A&M University, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 255, 2259 TAMU

Amount Provided: \$333,000

Project Description: The Range Revegetation Pilot Project at Fort Hood, Texas, focuses on maintaining the quality of soldier training areas on the base. The project demonstrates the use of soil amendments, soils and vegetation management, seeding, and erosion control structures to reduce erosion impacting training on maneuver areas. Research results document practice impacts on vegetation and water quality. In addition, the project is utilizing composted dairy manure from the North Bosque River watershed aiding the regions' efforts to meet total maximum daily load requirements for nutrients.

Benefit to Taxpayers: Primary benefits of the program focus on increasing the training capacity of Fort Hood maneuver training lands and insuring relevant military training landscapes for Fort Hood personnel. Beyond these benefits, the program focuses on restoration of disturbed rangelands and increasing the sustainability of the training areas in an effort to minimize off-site environmental concerns such as sedimentation of Belton Lake and other water bodies.

Spending Plan:

The total cost for this research is \$525,000, with 50% to support salary and benefits of researchers, 30% for purchasing supplies and materials for research efforts, 5% for travel and the remaining 15% for other costs.

Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

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HONORING THE LEGACY OF JIMMIE CANNON

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, Jimmie Cannon, 80, an Imperial Valley legend, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at El Centro Regional Medical Center. Jimmie Cannon had a profound effect on the musical culture of the Imperial Valley and his students; he

brought and nurtured music and jazz in the region for five generations. He will be remembered as a truly great and inspirational teacher whose lasting effect will be felt for many years to come.

After fulfilling his military obligation in the Army, Cannon graduated from Philander Smith College, in Little Rock, Arkansas. While studying music, he was also a member of the football and track teams. Following his graduation, he began teaching music at Jones High School in North Little Rock, where we met and married his wife of 50 years, Maxine Sutton. They moved to Mahaska, Kansas in 1959, where he taught general music from kindergarten to 12th grades.

In 1964, the family moved to El Centro, where he taught elementary and junior high music. In 1966, he became the band director of The Great Spartan Band at Central Union High School, where he distinguished himself as a teacher and band director for 30 years.

Bands from Central High received many awards and honors from the Orange Coast College Jazz Festivals, El Centro Navy Base Jazz Festival, Southwestern College Jazz Festival, Imperial Valley College Jazz Festival, USC Concert of the Bands, UCLA Band Festival, Holiday Bowl Music Festivals, Columbus Day Parade, Mother Goose Parade, and the Disneyland Parades and concerts in 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1987.

The Great Spartan Band traveled extensively beginning in 1972 with a trip to Mexico City, where they were honored by the President of Mexico. The band traveled four times to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and twice to Hawaii. The bands last trip before his retirement in 1996, was to Disneyworld in Florida (1995), where they participated in the Magic Kingdom Easter Parade. Throughout the years, the band performed for numerous local events.

He received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1988, which led to the Imperial Valley Arts Council sponsorship of Valley Jazz; a non-profit big band that sponsors scholarships and provides local musicians with performance opportunities.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; two sons, Derek (Jenee), of La Mesa, and Mike of El Centro; one daughter, Janine of El Centro; three grandchildren, Breanne, Carley, and Brenna of San Diego; two nephews, Hardy Thrower Jr. (Susan), of Sparks, Nevada, and Eric Thrower, (Sandra), of San Diego.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 31st, at the Southwest High School Center for the Performing Arts where hundreds of friends, former students and fellow musicians gathered to honor his life and lasting legacy which became synonymous with jazz.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REINA ARCE LEDDY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reina Arce Leddy, President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, for her dedication and service to our community. Reina passed away on Thursday morning, July 2, 2009, on Guam.

In November 2007, Reina was appointed President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce. As the Chamber's President and Chief Executive Officer, Reina led and promoted the Chamber's programs. Before assuming the Presidency, Reina worked with the Chamber since 1991 as an assistant to the President. In that capacity Reina supervised Chamber staff, and managed all aspects of Chamber's community relations, special events and publications. An energetic and focused professional, Reina staffed the Chamber's Committees on the Armed Forces, Maritime Affairs, Small Business, Tourism, and Retail-Wholesale Merchants. Reina also served as the Chamber chief administrative officer where she was entrusted by the Board of Directors with managing the Chamber's organizational structure, with the effective execution of its policies and procedures, the maintenance of its membership and the organization's long range planning.

Reina graduated from the University of Guam where she majored in Finance and Economics and East Asian Studies with an emphasis on Japan. While at UOG she also pursued a minor in Management. The government of Japan awarded Reina a Japanese Government Scholarship as a research student at Hiroshima University's Intensive Japanese Language Course. She also studied at Kagawa University.

In addition to her duties as Chamber President, Reina is a member of the American Chambers of Commerce Executives (ACCE), the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC) and the Civilian Advisory Council at Andersen Air Force Base.

Reina's spirit of community extends to her home village of Mangilao and the parish of Santa Teresita Catholic Church. An accomplished pianist, Reina, and her husband, David, a professional guitarist, shared their love of music as the leaders of their church choir. Born on November 24, 1963, to Reynaldo Arce and Consolacion San Nicolas Mendiola, and married to David P. Leddy on May 31, 1986, Reina left us at the young age of 45 but leaves behind a legacy that will live for many years to come.

My condolences, sympathies and prayers go out to her family and loved ones and to all who knew her and were touched by her joyous spirit and never-ending smile.

DID FIRED OC AIR MARSHAL ENDANGER FLYING PUBLIC OR PROTECT IT?

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the article titled "Did Fired OC Air Marshal Endanger Flying Public, or Protect It?" The article was posted online on May 8, 2009 and I believe my colleagues in Congress will benefit from the article and the topic of whistleblower protection.

DID FIRED OC AIR MARSHAL ENDANGER FLYING PUBLIC, OR PROTECT IT?

(By Teri Sforza)

On July 26, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security issued an alert to all U.S. airlines, airport security managers and federal air marshals:

A possible hijacking plot was in the works, involving five-man teams that might try to seize planes and fly them into government, military or economic targets.

Robert MacLean of Ladera Ranch had been working as a federal air marshal since shortly after 9/11. So it struck him as particularly bizarre when—just three days later—a text message popped up on his government-issued mobile phone:

Overnight missions involving federal air marshals will be cancelled from late July through early August.

What? No overnights? That meant no air marshals on long-distance flights. To save money on hotel rooms, MacLean would come to understand.

This, thought MacLean, was crazy. The 9/11 hijackers targeted long-distance flights because they hauled the most fuel and could do the most damage. Pulling air marshals from such flights, precisely when there was warning of a possible attack, was gross mismanagement—and a "specific threat to public safety that could lead to catastrophic loss of life," he'd say later in court papers.

So MacLean took his concerns to his supervisor and other officials.

He didn't get far.

TOP SECRET?

That text message, MacLean would later argue, wasn't marked as sensitive information. It arrived on his mobile phone, not on his secure PDA.

And so, on July 29, 2003, MacLean disclosed the message to—gasp!—a member of the press. NBC.

Fallout was fast and furious. Lawmakers decried the idea as foolish; Sen. Barbara Boxer offered to send the Transportation Security Administration a list of hotels near San Francisco International Airport where rooms cost less than \$100 a night. Officials said they had made no final decisions yet; and overnight missions continued, as per usual, on the full schedule of cross-country and international flights.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL?

Not quite.

Nearly three years later—in April 2006—MacLean was fired from his job as a federal air marshal. Grounds for dismissal: disclosing sensitive information to the media.

The message didn't need to be marked "sensitive," the government argued; all details regarding the deployment, number and operations of federal air marshals were protected information.

"Your unauthorized media appearance and unauthorized release of SSI (sensitive security) information to the media raise serious doubts about your judgment and trustworthiness," says MacLean's dismissal notice, signed by Frank Donzanti, special agent in charge with the Transportation Security Administration.

"Moreover, the disclosure of this SSI had the potential to reveal vulnerabilities in the aviation security system, and as such, was extremely dangerous to the public we serve. As such, I find little chance for your rehabilitation as a FAM (federal air marshal). Based on the egregiousness of your actions I have lost confidence in your ability to perform and find that removal from Federal employment for your unauthorized disclosure of SSI is necessary to promote the effectiveness of the FAM Service," the letter says.

LEGAL LABYRINTH

So was MacLean endangering the public safety by revealing the message? Or was he protecting it?

Is he a villain, or a hero?

MacLean argues that he should be protected as a federal whistleblower, and filed a whistleblower suit against the government.

Many machinations have followed, in that tortured, slow, legal sort of way. "I want to get back to federal law enforcement," said MacLean, 39, who says he has applied at a dozen local police departments, but remains jobless. "I want to go back to serving as if I had never blown the whistle before."

MacLean was a Border Patrol agent in San Clemente for six years, and a federal air marshal for four years. He has a wife and two daughters, 5 and 7. They've moved in with his parents. These days he spends time tracking the fits and starts of whistleblower-protection legislation that seems to come up every year, and die every year.

THIS TIME, MORE HOPE

Last week, a letter signed by seven congressmen and women went to President Obama, urging him to swift action on the issue of whistleblower protection for federal employees.

"Whistleblowers are our nation's best resource against fraud and abuse of the public trust," the letter says. "Legal victories for employees who have been retaliated against for blowing the whistle are almost nonexistent. We encourage you to support congressional efforts to reform the inadequate system of whistleblower protections, such as H.R. 1507. . . . In addition to these forward-looking reforms, we encourage you to take action to restore the careers of employees who were wrongly terminated or marginalized by previous administrations after blowing the whistle."

And other lawmakers are getting on board as well. There have been meetings at the White House. MacLean's documents live on the Project on Government Oversight's web site. He has his own page on Wikipedia. Officials did not rush to get back to us to discuss his case; but he has made appearances on many news programs and is not shy about pressing the righteousness of his position.

He hopes for a resolution soon.

CONGRATULATING PORTAGE NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC TEAM

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Portage Northern High School Forensic Team on its eighth consecutive state championship at the Michigan Inter-scholastic Forensic Association state finals.

Portage Northern's forensic program, led by Coach Laurel Scheidt, has a rich 44 year history with 11 state titles to its name. The team had a successful 2009 season with first-place finishes at every invitational and an excellent performance at both the district and regional competitions. At this year's state competition over 80 schools and 800 students participated. The Northern team dominated the Class A division, qualifying the maximum 28 entries to the tournament with 45 students. Northern collected a record 1,066 sweepstake points defeating second place finisher Birmingham Seaholm High School by over 330 points.

It is an honor to congratulate the entire 2009 Portage Northern Forensic Team and pay special tribute to first-place finishers Andrew Beckner, Spencer Dudd, John Kramer, Kasey McSoley, Brennan Mange, Bryce Maurer, Nich Mueller, Nathan Novaria, Brady O'Brien, Caitlin Utt, Allyson Williams and Amanda Willoughby.

On behalf of all residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Portage Northern Forensic Team, Coach Laurel Scheidt and the entire Portage Community—you are an inspiration to us all. Go Huskies!

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of "H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010."

Title of Project: T-9 Noise Suppressor Support

Amount of Project: \$5,100,000

Account: Air Force, Military Construction

Project Recipient: Tinker Air Force Base 3001 Staff Drive, Tinker AFB, OK 73145

At my request, \$5,100,000 was included in H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010, to fund the construction of foundations and supporting facilities for two T-9 noise suppression systems at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. This project would consist of the construction of reinforced concrete footings and slabs capable of supporting T-9 style engine testing facilities, a 20,000 gallon jet engine fuel storage and delivery system, utilities, access driveways, and a small office/restroom/break facility. Current engine test facilities are aging and unable to support the current test mission.

With the completion of the new Tinker Aerospace Complex (TAC) and the transfer of engine maintenance to this facility, construction of these test cells near the TAC will allow contiguous support of military jet engine repair, decrease maintenance downtime, and associated cost. This will allow the 76th Maintenance Wing and the 76th Propulsion Maintenance Group the capabilities to meet its mission of delivering engines on time and on cost and position Tinker AFB for increased mission capabilities in the future.

INTRODUCING THE UNITED STATES OPTIMAL USE OF TRADE TO DEVELOP OUTERWEAR AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, more than 75 percent of Americans participate in active outdoor recreation each year, experiencing America's wild lands and outdoor spaces in ways large and small. In recognition of this group, I am introducing the "United States Optimal Use of Trade to Develop Outerwear and Outdoor Recreation Act" or the "U.S. OUTDOOR Act". This legislation will reduce the high tariffs on outdoor apparel and will invest in research to shrink the environmental footprint of the American textile industry while increasing its international competitiveness.

According to recent surveys, roughly 33 million Americans went fishing last year and 56 million went hiking. Through healthy outdoor activities like bird watching, ice climbing, hiking, and bass fishing, outdoor recreation contributes \$730 billion and 6.5 million jobs to the U.S. economy.

Unfortunately, recreational performance outerwear—jackets and pants used for skiing and snowboarding, mountaineering, hunting, fishing and dozens of other outdoor activities—is assessed some of the highest duty rates applied to any products imported into the United States. While the average duty on imports is less than 2 percent, the rates on recreational performance outerwear average 17 percent, with some as high as 28 percent.

These disproportionately high tariffs were originally implemented to protect U.S. manufacturers from foreign competition, but now no longer serve that purpose. Instead, they stifle innovation and raise costs throughout our economy. In a recent report, the U.S. International Trade Commission recently found that there was no commercially viable production of recreational performance outerwear in the United States.

To better reflect this economic reality, the U.S. OUTDOOR Act will establish new tariff classifications for these products and will eliminate the disproportionately high tariffs assessed on them.

The legislation will also establish the Sustainable Textile and Apparel Research (STAR) Fund. Access to STAR Fund grants will be made available to certain non-profit organizations through a competitive process, with the overarching purpose of advancing U.S. competitiveness in lean manufacturing technologies and supply chain analysis. The STAR Fund will ultimately help the global textile and apparel industry in minimizing energy and water use, reducing waste and carbon emissions and incorporating sustainable practices into a product's entire life cycle.

Through these mechanisms, this legislation will support the outdoor industry, consumers of outdoor products, and environmental practices throughout the textile industry supply chain. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Fiscal Year 2010 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill. I'd like to thank Chairwoman LOWEY and Ranking Member GRANGER for their hard work on this bill and take a moment to explain the need for this important piece of legislation.

This bill improves America's leadership in the fight against global poverty and disease. As Congress continues to debate the efficacy of our foreign aid against the backdrop of a post-9/11 world, many Americans do not make the connection between national security and development.

It's more than just a moral problem that billions of people around the world are struggling to survive. It is also in our security interest as a nation. Populations that struggle in extreme poverty are more likely to become mired in destabilizing conflicts, or worse, become havens or recruiting grounds for terrorist organizations. Taking action to help lift people out of poverty and addressing the critical issues that go hand-in-hand with poverty will help prevent threats to U.S. security, and will also help create goodwill toward the U.S. in places where it is desperately needed.

The United States sits near the bottom of government aid donations by country wealth, donating just 0.18% of our national income. Now is the time to bolster our funding and development efforts to developing countries. The current economic climate is seriously impacting developing countries and they are in dire need of our assistance. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, world trade is in the largest decline since 1929, and commodity prices, particularly for exports from developing countries, are falling.

I am pleased to see that this legislation contains \$13.4 billion for national security, counterterrorism and counternarcotics programs, including significant funding for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. Yet, the funding focus in recent years on defense, while vital in our fight against extremism, has left behind the other D's—diplomacy and development. This bill helps remedy that by reforming and rebuilding America's diplomatic and development capacity. While it does not meet the full request by the President, the bill provides funding to hire 1,000 new State Department personnel and 300 new USAID personnel.

Unfortunately, U.S. efforts remain insufficient to counter violent extremist narratives around the world. Terrorist groups aggressively push their narrative through new and traditional media. I was pleased to see increased funding for public diplomacy programs in the FY2010 bill. The increase would support at least 20 new public diplomacy positions. Importantly, the funding also continues imperative programs which include the counterterrorism communication center, and the digital outreach team focused on engaging Arabic language websites to impart accurate information and counter misinformation about the United States. Strategic communication and public diplomacy should be at the front-and-center as we work to roll back al-Qaeda's and other violent extremists' influence among disaffected populations.

I would be remiss not to mention funding for the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) which was increased over the current level. I am disappointed, however, that the allocation was less than the President's request. As the bill progresses I would urge continued support for global poverty reduction by funding the MCA at no less than the \$1.4 billion allocated in this legislation. The Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC's) model of combating global poverty through initiatives that remove barriers to economic growth has not only been hailed as innovative, it has provided an effective complement to existing development aid streams.

The bill also provides \$156 million for health and development assistance in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and prioritizes peacekeeping operations funding for the coun-

try. I witnessed the urgent need for this funding first hand when I visited the DRC earlier this spring. This bill includes funding for addressing gender-based violence and I would hope that priority is given to the areas in conflict and post-conflict such as the DRC which are afflicted most by these dehumanizing acts. Too often in these areas acts of rape and sexual abuse are, unfortunately, common events. Gender-based violence is a major public health and human rights problem throughout the world and it is most apparent in the DRC. There, a devastatingly high percentage of girls are reported to have been raped. Yet, this is only a fraction of the actual number as most cases are unreported.

Again, I thank Chairwoman LOWEY and Ranking Member GRANGER for their work on this legislation and urge my colleagues to support its passage. This bill would advance our ability to combat global poverty and is critical to our country's ability to address today's threats.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL SULLIVAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the distinguished career of Michael Sullivan on the occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center after 11 years of service.

Mike served as a consultant for the Gulf Coast Exploreum for eight years before becoming its executive director in 1998. He and his wife, Eleanor Kulin, worked together planning and marketing the museum's major events.

In 1998, Mike oversaw the museum's relocation to its high-tech home at Government and Water Streets. Throughout his career, Mike brought 28 traveling exhibitions and 46 large-format films to the J.L. Bedsole IMAX Theater. The Exploreum was also named Alabama's Attraction of the Year in 2008 during the Governor's Conference on Tourism. The Exploreum was the most visited attraction in south Alabama and the seventh most visited in the state.

Under Mike's leadership, the Exploreum has brought one "blockbuster" exhibit after another to Mobile—bringing hundreds of thousands of visitors and millions of dollars to the local economy. In 2005, "The Dead Sea Scrolls" attracted 205,661 visitors to Mobile and an estimated \$13.4 million to the local economy—in just 109 days.

In recognition of his many remarkable accomplishments, Mobile Mayor Sam Jones declared "W. Michael Sullivan Day" earlier this year. The J.L. Bedsole IMAX Dome Theater lobby was named in Mike's honor by the Exploreum board of trustees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many throughout the Gulf Coast. On behalf of all those who have benefited from the Gulf Coast Exploreum, permit me to extend thanks for enriching the lives of so many.

On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Mike and Eleanor the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, as the chairman of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee and someone who shares the concern of many in this House about the need to protect and restore threatened and endangered species, I wish to bring to the attention of my colleagues a report recently released by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service on the effects of the long-term operation of California's Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

The Central Valley Project is a Federal Bureau of Reclamation water project which supplies irrigation and municipal water to inland California from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The Sacramento River, along with the American River, was once among the top salmon spawning rivers on the West Coast, behind only the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The Sacramento was the only river in the West with four salmon runs, with returning fish numbered in the millions. Now one run is gone, and two are endangered, and the fourth could be listed soon. The scientists concluded in this most recent biological opinion that without wild salmon from the Sacramento and American Rivers, the killer whales known so well throughout the Puget Sound would likely face extinction.

These findings only stress the interconnectedness of our biosphere and the need to find a balance between the demands of irrigation and agriculture with those required by the species that once thrived in these rivers. In Washington State, we have worked very hard to find compromises between agriculture, power generation, and salmon restoration. While there is still work to be done, we have made great strides in implementing a mark selective fishery, one of the best tools for restoring wild salmon runs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in California, Oregon, and Washington, in establishing a comprehensive plan to ensure the recovery and survival of our legendary wild salmon and killer whales.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I am submitting for the record an article recently published by McClatchy Newspapers, which provides an excellent overview of the biological opinion, the history of wild salmon in California, and the recent decline of the killer whales.

[From McClatchy Newspapers, July 5, 2009]

CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN AIMS TO SAVE

PUGET SOUND ORCAS

(By Les Blumenthal)

WASHINGTON.—A plan to restore salmon runs on California's Sacramento River also could help revive killer whale populations 700 miles to the north in Puget Sound, as federal scientists struggle to protect endangered species in a complex ecosystem that stretches along the Pacific coast from California to Alaska.

Without wild salmon from the Sacramento and American rivers as part of their diet, the killer whales might face extinction, scientists concluded in a biological opinion that could result in even more severe water restrictions for farmers in the drought-stricken, 400-mile-long Central Valley of California. The valley is the nation's most productive farm region.

The plan has faced heated criticism from agricultural interests and politicians in California, but environmentalists said it represented a welcome departure by the Obama administration from its predecessor in dealing with Endangered Species Act issues.

The Sacramento plan, they add, is in sharp contrast to the plan for restoring wild salmon populations on the Columbia and Snake rivers in Washington state and Idaho. That plan, written by the Bush administration, essentially concluded that the long-term decline in those federally protected runs didn't jeopardize the killer whales' existence because hatchery fish could make up the difference.

The 85 orcas of the southern resident killer whale population travel in three separate pods, spending much of their time roaming the inland waters of Washington state from the San Juan Islands to south Puget Sound. During the winter they've been found offshore, ranging as far south as Monterey Bay in California and as far north as British Columbia's Queen Charlotte Islands. Each orca has distinctive markings, which allows them to be tracked.

In the mid-1990s, there were nearly 100 orcas in the three southern resident pods. The population fell to fewer than 80 in 2001. In 2005, they were granted federal protection as an endangered species. They've been studied closely for only 30 years or so, but historically there may have been up to 200 southern resident orcas.

Researchers think that the decline has resulted from pollution—which could cause immune- or reproductive-system dysfunction—and from oil spills, noise and other vessel disturbances, along with a reduced quantity and quality of prey.

With the largest 27 feet long and weighing 10,000 pounds, orcas are constantly on the prowl for food. They've been known to hunt in packs. Their meal of choice: salmon, particularly chinook salmon.

By some estimates, the orcas eat about 500,000 salmon a year.

"We are trying to figure out how killer whales fit in," said Bradley Hanson, a wildlife biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Services in Seattle who studies orcas. "We don't have a lot of information on the movement of southern resident whales down the coast. We don't have a lot of information on adult salmon movements off the coast."

Before 2000, Hanson said, no one was quite sure where the killer whales went when they went to sea. It was a surprise when they showed up near Monterey Bay, he said.

The Sacramento and American river systems combined were once among the top salmon-spawning rivers on the West Coast, trailing only the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Prompted by lawsuits, the National Marine Fisheries Service last month published its latest plan for the Sacramento and American rivers' winter and fall chinook salmon runs. Without further curtailments of water for the federal Central Valley Project—a several-hundred-mile network of dams, canals and pumping plants—and the California State Water Project—the nation's largest state-built water and power development and conveyance system, which supplies water for 23 million Californians—the two runs are in jeopardy of extinction, the plan said.

Without changes, the southern resident killer whales, a run of steelhead and a population of North American green sturgeon almost certainly would disappear, according to the plan.

The killer whale population is extremely fragile, and scientists said the loss or serious injury to just one could appreciably reduce the odds that the southern resident pods would recover or survive.

The scientists who wrote the Sacramento plan also said that hatchery-raised salmon

couldn't be counted on to sustain the killer whales' survival.

"Healthy wild salmon populations are important to the long-term maintenance of prey populations available to southern residents, because it is uncertain whether a hatchery-only stock could be sustained indefinitely," the scientists said.

Not only are there concerns about long-term funding for the hatcheries, but scientists also have questions about whether hatchery fish are as genetically strong and healthy as wild ones. Though changes to the hatcheries could improve the fish they produce, there's no agreement on what needs to be done and no guarantees that the changes would work.

The latest plan for the Columbia-Snake wild salmon runs concluded that continued operation of the federal hydroelectric dams on the two rivers was "not likely to adversely affect" the killer whales. Earlier, federal scientists found that "perhaps the single greatest change in food availability for resident killer whales since the late 1800s has been the decline of salmon from the Columbia River basin."

Despite the decline in wild runs, the scientists who worked on the Columbia plan concluded that hatchery fish would be able to make up any deficit in the orcas' diet.

Though the Columbia-Snake salmon plan acknowledges the potential problems with hatchery fish, it dismisses, at least for now, their impact on killer whale food supplies.

Lynne Barre, a National Marine Fisheries Service scientist in Seattle who helped write both plans, downplays any differences.

"I think we say the same thing in both opinions," Barre said, adding that both plans recognize that hatchery fish could be a short-term substitute for wild fish but that there were concerns about whether hatchery fish could be a long-term food source for orcas. "The general principles are similar."

Environmentalists, however, say that the differences couldn't be more obvious.

"The contrasts are striking," said Todd True, a lawyer for the Seattle office of Earthjustice, which has challenged the Columbia-Snake plan in a lawsuit in federal court in Portland, Ore.

True said the Sacramento salmon plan was a "candid piece of work that had a strong independent review and the absence of political interference." As for the Columbia-Snake plan, True said that it "pretends there isn't a problem."

The judge in the Portland case has given the Obama administration until Aug. 15 to indicate whether it'll stick with the Columbia-Snake salmon plan written during the Bush administration or offer a new one. True said he'd raise the orca issue again.

Other environmentalists said that Jane Lubchenco, who heads the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which includes the fisheries service, must be aware of the differences in how the two salmon plans addressed killer whales. Lubchenco is a marine biologist who taught at Oregon State University.

"They need to decide which of the contradictory statements are correct," said Pat Ford of Save Our Wild Salmon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY VIKINGS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Vikings of Niles High

School who recently won their first ever state championship in school history. These outstanding women were on a mission all season long, and this was a team of firsts—last season they were the first in school history to win a regional championship, and in 2009, they completed the mission and cemented their legacy as the first state champions in women's athletics at Niles High School.

Winning a state title is something that will last forever. It is a truly remarkable accomplishment that few teams in southwest Michigan ever experience, and it is a legacy that will live with the 2009 Lady Vikings forever. While the Vikings were led by the best pitcher in the State of Michigan, Jenna Ignowski, they were a team that worked hard to improve every part of their game. These Lady Vikings improved their defense throughout the season and there were no easy outs up and down the Viking lineup.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the entire Lady Vikings team and head coach Gary Collins.

On behalf of all of the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Lady Vikings, Coach Collins and the entire Niles community—you are an inspiration to us all.

It is Viking Pride at its finest. Go vikings?

CONGRATULATING KAYEM FOODS, INC. OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kayem Foods, Inc. of Chelsea, Massachusetts on its 100th anniversary. From humble beginnings in 1909 to a much higher profile in 2009 after being named the official hot dog of historic Fenway Park and Red Sox Nation, Kayem has developed a stellar reputation in the Greater Boston community for its dedication to quality products and community causes.

In 1909, Kazimierz Monkiewicz emigrated from Poland with his wife, Helena, and started a small business making kielbasa—native sausages from Poland—in their backyard in Chelsea. From there, he went on to achieve the American Dream, laying strong roots in the community and establishing a successful family business called Kayem—so named for Mr. Monkiewicz's initials.

As Kayem's reputation for quality meats spread, Monkiewicz began delivering to nearby communities via horse-drawn carriage. As the business grew further, Monkiewicz's four sons assumed roles in the burgeoning family enterprise. A century later, Kayem is still a family business with grandson Ray, recently retired as company president, now serving as chairman of the board of directors and 13 other family members working there as well.

In recent years, Kayem has expanded its market beyond New England. In addition to making 1 million hot dogs each day, Kayem is now known for its all fresco all natural chicken sausages, which have received several "best of" awards from national publications, and its line of delicious Kayem Brats.

Through its successful enterprise, Kayem is the city of Chelsea's largest employer, with more than 500 workers representing immigrants from more than 25 different nations. Kayem serves the Greater Boston community in ways beyond being a stable employer. A leading supporter of Chelsea institutions like the Jordan Boys & Girls Club, Centro Latino and Bunker Hill Community College, Kayem is known for its generosity, including regular food donations to dozens of local charitable events. Kayem recently established "Kayem Cares," a program that supports the fight against breast cancer through donations based on sales.

For its commendable history and contributions to the community over the past 100 years, I would like to extend my congratulations to Kayem Foods and the Monkiewicz family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BARROW. Madam Speaker, had I been present to vote on the Stearns (FL) Amendment to H.R. 3081 the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2010, I would have voted "no."

HONORING PHYLLIS BUSANSKY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend Phyllis Busansky. Phyllis served my community in so many ways. Her last post was the Supervisor of Elections for Hillsborough County, Florida. Phyllis will always be remembered in our hearts for her brave leadership, for her open, gregarious style and for her ability and zeal to fix problems that were tough to tackle.

Phyllis served under Florida Governors Lawton Chiles and Jeb Bush and established the Welfare-to-Work program, which helped the state's poor find employment and financial stability.

After graduating from Wheaton College, Phyllis earned her master's of business administration from Brandeis University. She taught leadership and coalition building at Columbia University's School of Public Health. A native of Connecticut, Phyllis lived in Tampa for nearly three decades, and she and her husband, Sheldon, raised their three children there.

Before being elected Supervisor of Elections for Hillsborough County in 2008, Phyllis served our seniors as director of Hillsborough's Department for Aging Services and our entire community on the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority. In 1988 she was elected to serve two terms as a County Commissioner. There Phyllis led the fight to provide innovative and visionary county-wide health care for poor and working folks. Her legacy as the primary author of the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan lives on

every day in the improved health of our neighbors and our community. She was truly passionate about making sure those who could least afford health care or had limited access had a fighter on their side. She was already showing her same passion as Supervisor of Elections, working tirelessly to guarantee that voters' rights were protected.

Phyllis was proud to be a "happy warrior" for so many causes. It is especially poignant to lose her during this crucial time when the Congress struggles to make health care a reality for all our neighbors. We will all need to draw on her energy and commitment and, being mindful of the huge gap she has left us, vow to work even harder.

Phyllis' big heart resulted in her describing many in our community as "fabulous", but the truth is that few are or ever will be as fabulous as Phyllis.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Sheldon, and all her family. She will be sorely missed.

INTRODUCING THE SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH ACT

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today I introduced The Small Business Growth Act along with Representatives BLAINE LUETKEMEYER, ALAN GRAYSON, RON PAUL, GINNY BROWN-WAITE, VERN BUCHANAN, BOBBY BRIGHT, and ANN KIRKPATRICK. I thank them for their support.

As we all know small business is the economic backbone of America; small businesses provide nearly 70 million workers employment and 80 percent of all new jobs in America. Small businesses are struggling in these tough economic times. We must do more to help small business which will turn our economy around.

Under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code small business can expense machinery, equipment and furniture but not "real property"—new structures (buildings), renovations and structural components; this legislation corrects this matter.

The Small Business Growth Act is targeted to small businesses which have gross receipts of less than \$5 million for the past three years. The legislation makes permanent a tax deduction for capital improvements that small businesses make to their facilities allowing them to take up to \$125,000. An immediate tax deduction, rather than depreciation, will help small businesses to put money towards expanding their facility, purchasing a new piece of equipment, or hiring another worker—all of which creates jobs and stimulates our economy.

I urge all members to support The Small Business Growth Act.

THE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, in early 2008, President Bush established the

Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative to address cyberattacks on federal networks and President Obama has committed to fully continue this effort under his administration.

Awareness of our vulnerabilities to cyberattack and the need for action is nearly universal and goes beyond party lines.

The seriousness of this situation was brought into focus this week, when it was revealed a powerful attack overwhelmed computers at U.S. and South Korean government Web sites.

Other targets included the National Security Agency, the State Department, and the New York Stock Exchange.

It is our responsibility as a Congress—and my commitment as a member of the House Science and Technology Committee—to ensure we get this issue right, and ensure taxpayer dollars provide a return in the form of lasting and effective security, while also protecting privacy.

The need is real, the threat is present and clear, and I want to make sure our country is prepared.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, July 9, 2009, I was absent from U.S. House of Representatives while on official business in my district.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "no" on rollcall 497; "aye" on rollcall 498; "aye" on rollcall 499; "aye" on rollcall 500; "no" on rollcall 501; "aye" on rollcall 502; "no" on rollcall 503; "no" on rollcall 504; "no" on rollcall 505; "no" on rollcall 506; "no" on rollcall 507; "no" on rollcall 508; "aye" on rollcall 509; "aye" on rollcall 510; "aye" on rollcall 511; "aye" on rollcall 512; "no" on rollcall 513; "aye" on rollcall 514; "aye" on rollcall 515; "aye" on rollcall 516; "no" on rollcall 517; "no" on rollcall 518; "aye" on rollcall 519; "no" on rollcall 520; "aye" on rollcall 521; "no" on rollcall 522.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. LEROY HILL

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, south Alabama and indeed the entire state recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Leroy Hill was born in Eagle Lake, Florida, and was a longtime resident of Grand Bay. He served in the Korean War as a staff sergeant ranger in the Airborne division of the U.S. Army.

Following his career in the Army, Mr. Hill moved to Savannah, Georgia, and began his career in the coffee business. He worked as a Maxwell House route man for the Belford Company earning \$40 a week. In 1956, he transferred to Mobile and created his own coffee business, the Leroy Hill Coffee Company,

Inc. Mr. Hill purchased the Mobile operation of the Belford Company in 1968 and soon expanded the company into the Florida panhandle. Leroy Hill Coffee Company, Inc. today has 22 locations throughout the Southeast, and its products can be found in restaurants, grocery stores, and convenience stores.

Mr. Hill and his wife, Debbie, also ran a successful cattle business that started with the purchase of his first acreage in Grand Bay in the late 1960s. He was a longtime member of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and ABBA Shrine. He also made many charitable donations as a way of thanking his community; he donated the playground equipment for Breitling Elementary School in Grand Bay.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout the state of Alabama. Leroy Hill will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Debbie; his three sons, Roy Wayne, Todd, and Brian; his daughter, Debra Stewart; his stepdaughter, Brandy Ramsay; his 13 grandchildren; and his two sisters, Doris Gatlin and Dorothy Brooks Hicks—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

HONORING EIGHT DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOLS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of five high schools located in the Eighth District of Washington that for the third year in a row were named to Newsweek Magazine's ranking of the top 1,500 public high schools in the country in academics. In 2009, all five high schools earned "top 100" recognition—the most coveted honor in the magazine.

The International School, Interlake High School, Newport High School, Sammamish High School, and Bellevue High School each earned the prestigious "top 100" recognition and two of the schools, Interlake High School and Sammamish High School, moved several places higher on the list than their positions last year.

During my tenure in the House, I've remained an outspoken advocate for investing in public education and the need for welcoming and safe learning environments. The five schools singled out for recognition by Newsweek have clearly developed a wonderful and unique learning environment to help students reach their full academic potential. The selfless, hardworking teachers and administrators who serve in these schools deserve equal recognition for the time and energy they devote to educating our children; they deserve our admiration and gratitude for their efforts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount \$600,000

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS, Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palm Bay, Palm Bay, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Palm Bay, 120 Malabar Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

Description of Request: In order for our law enforcement officers to respond to critical incidents quickly and effectively, they need the proper resources. This funding would be used to help the City of Palm Bay outfit a vehicle with technology to provide on-site command, control, and coordination during critical incidents. Accordingly, the command center will be used as a headquarters for on-scene investigations and provide various agencies the necessary resources required to respond and complete missions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on June 24, 2009, I missed rollcall 450, a vote on final passage of the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I was detained off the House Floor with legislative business.

If I had been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE MEMORY OF BERT BANK

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Bert Bank, a World War II hero, an Alabama state legislator and radio pioneer, was an Alabama legend.

Mr. Bank attended the University of Alabama Law School and graduated in 1940. He served his country in the Air Force during World War II rising to the rank of major. He survived the Bataan Death March as a prisoner of war for 33 brutal months. When he returned to the United States, he spent two years in the Valley Forge General Hospital recovering from malnutrition. He later wrote the book *Back From the Living Dead*, which recounted his experiences as a prisoner of war.

When he returned to Tuscaloosa, he started the radio stations WTBC-AM and WUOA-FM and, in 1953, he started the University of Alabama Football Network.

In 1966, Mr. Bank was elected to the House of Representatives and served two terms. In

1974, he was elected to the Alabama Senate and served one term before running for lieutenant governor. During his twelve years in the Alabama House and Senate, he introduced legislation making it a felony to burn the American flag—Alabama was the first state to pass such legislation. He also authored legislation to make it a felony to burn a draft card, another first for the state of Alabama.

Mr. Bank was a champion for veterans. He introduced legislation that made it possible for veterans of the Gulf War to participate in the state sponsored college education program. He also authored legislation that rewarded the 21 Alabama Vietnam Prisoners of War with a \$500 bonus.

Mr. Bank's years of service to Tuscaloosa, the broadcast industry, and the state of Alabama were recognized with numerous awards throughout his life. He received the Thad Holt Distinguished Broadcasters Award in 1969 and the Alabama Broadcasters Association Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2008, he was inducted into the Alabama Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the Silver Medal as Man of the Year by the Tuscaloosa Advertising Club and was named a Distinguished Service and Outstanding Alumnus by the University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences. Mr. Bank was also presented the Bronze Star by the U.S. Air Force for his service during World War II.

Mr. Bank was a member of the disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also established The Bert Bank Endowed Patriotism Scholarship Fund at the University of Alabama.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout the state of Alabama. Mr. Bert Bank will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Gertrude, and his two sons, Jimmy and Ralph—as well as his many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY MUSTANGS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Mustangs of Portage Central High School on being named the 2009 Division 1 State Soccer Champions. This team of young ladies, lead by 24-year Mustang Coach Pat Norman, has put in endless hours of hard work and dedication making them the first program west of Ann Arbor and Saginaw to win a Division 1 Women's Soccer State Title since the debut of women's soccer in 1971.

Winning a state championship is a memory that will last a lifetime. It is a remarkable achievement that few teams ever experience, and it is a legacy that will live with the 2009 Lady Mustangs forever. This young team, lead by captains Shannon Bennett, Lauren Brown, and Courtney Havens-Mitchell, played a close game against the Utica Eisenhower Eagles and came out victorious beating the Eagles 3-2 in overtime.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the entire Lady Mustang team: Lindsey Arnett, Mara Bennett, Shannon Bennett, Samantha Bowditch, Lauren Brown, Lunden Carpenter, Natalie Hall, Katie Hamilton, Courtney Havens-Mitchell, Shelby Humphries, Jaime Morton, Taylor Peterson, Lindsay Shafer, Charlie Socia, Meghan Sokolowski, Colleen Unsworth, Katelyn Weissert, Paige Wester, and Jordan Wolf. We are so proud of all of you.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Lady Mustangs, Coach Norman and the entire Portage community—you are an inspiration to us all. It is Portage Central Pride at its finest. Go Mustangs!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAFAYETTE-LEXINGTON DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CHAPTER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the Lafayette-Lexington Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter for creating the Susan Skelton Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created in memory of my late wife Susan Anding Skelton, honoring her dedication to higher education and Lafayette County.

Susie, a native Missourian, graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1958. In 1976, she served as the first president of the 95th Congress group, the organization representing spouses of new Members of Congress. Susie also played a prominent role in the Congressional Club, serving as treasurer for 2 years and then as president. She was only the second Missourian to serve in that position. As president, she presided over one of the largest memberships in the history of the organization. Additionally, she was president and vice president of International Club III, an organization for spouses of Members of Congress and Ambassadors and was a member of the Congressional Families for Drug-Free Youth.

In Missouri, Susie served two consecutive terms as Regent of the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter D.A.R. She also served 4 years on the Democratic State Committee during the 1970s. In Lexington, she taught Sunday school, was a Cub Scout den mother, and a local first grade teacher. Susie was also active

in Missouri University Alumni Association events in Lafayette County.

Our family friend, LaVeda Cross, was aware of Susie's great involvement in both Washington, DC, and Missouri. As a result, LaVeda and the Lafayette-Lexington D.A.R. Chapter have offered a collegiate scholarship to those individuals that embody the values of Susie. I appreciate the D.A.R. chapter for recognizing the achievements and contributions of Susie. The scholarship is open to any female student who is a permanent resident of Lafayette County and a graduate of one of the following schools: Concordia R-H, Lafayette County C-1, Lexington R-V, St. Paul's Lutheran, or Wellington-Napoleon R-IX and plans to attend college after graduation.

Madam Speaker, Susie was influential in Lafayette County and Washington, DC. I am honored that the D.A.R. has created this scholarship in her name. I know the Members of the House will join me in recognizing the Lafayette-Lexington D.A.R. Chapter for assisting hard-working young women in achieving a higher education.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Centennial celebration of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties in my home state of Washington—the oldest and largest local homebuilders association belonging to the National Association of Home Builders. For one hundred years, the Master Builders have been committed to creating well-built homes and utilizing solid business practices to help in making the Pacific Northwest a wonderful place to live.

Even as our country struggles through an economic downturn and many sectors of our economy, especially home builders, are feeling the negative effects of a reduced workload, the Masters Builders continue to work hard to better families, communities, and the environment.

The Master Builders continue to place an emphasis on community projects such as building free access ramps for disabled homeowners and building and maintaining shelters

for the homeless. The Master Builders work with community-centered organizations like Vision House in Renton, Washington, and the Mercer Slough Environment Center in Bellevue, Washington. The Master Builders are celebrating their Centennial by performing 100 community service projects in King and Snohomish counties throughout 2009—projects that guarantee improvement in communities where people work, live, or play.

The Master Builders also formed Built Green, an environmentally-friendly, non-profit, residential building program to provide sustainable housing in the region and actively reach out to all levels of government to ensure our laws protect the environment and provide attractive and affordable communities.

I am pleased to consider the Master Builders as partners in our efforts to protect our environment and build up our communities. I congratulate them on this milestone and wish them continued success in their current and future projects.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY (along with other Representatives)

Project Funding Amount \$1,217,000

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Florida, Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: For critical continuation and expansion of vital Citrus Greening and Citrus Canker research to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating diseases.